

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE OF PAGES 1 8	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 04/20/2001		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	
5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)		6. ISSUED BY CODE DTS- 852		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE DTS- 852	
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, country, State and ZIP Code)		(X) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. X DTRS57- 01- R- 20005		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 04/02/2001	
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.			
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)			
CODE		FACILITY CODE			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and the date specified for receipt of Offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 3 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)					
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.					
(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.)SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103 (b).				
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF :				
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT : Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.					
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)					
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of the person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY (Signature of the person authorized to sign)		16C. DATE SIGNED	
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Amendment 0001 is hereby issued to extend the due date for proposals and to provide the first set of questions and responses raised by potential offerors. Some of these answers required changes to the solicitation and are so noted. The next amendment will provide the remaining questions and responses.

I. The following clauses and provisions are hereby added into the solicitation.

1. See Section I.1 Add:

52.243-1, Changes- Fixed Price August 1987 (Alternate 1)

52.249-2, Termination for Convenience of the Government - Fixed-Price Sep 1996 (Alternate I)

Delete: Option to Extend Term of Contract (March 1999).

Substitute: 52.217-8 Option to Extend Services (Nov 1999)

2. Delete: K.5 52.209-5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters (January 2001)

Substitute: K.5 52.209-5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters (March 1996) See last page of amendment for full text of certification. Offerors shall include the March 1996 version in their submittal of Representations and Certifications.

II. Questions/Answers

Q1. How many copies of each proposal volume will be required to be submitted?

A1. Amend: See Page 66, L.6 Cost/Business Proposal Instructions B. Format.

Insert: Offerors shall provide 3 copies of their cost/business proposal.

See Page 83, L.7 Instructions for Technical Proposal Insert: C. Number of Proposals/

Oral Presentation slides: Offerors shall provide 10 copies of their Technical Proposal.

Offerors shall provide 10 copies of their slide presentation. Oral presentation slides are due by Friday May 11, 2001, 1500 hours EST.

Q2. You request that the Past Performance section be contained in a separate portion of the proposal. Is a tab within Volume II titled "Past Performance" acceptable or do you desire a separate binding mechanism for this section?

A2. A tab within Volume II for Past Performance is acceptable.

Q3. How many copies of oral presentation slides will be required to be submitted?

A3. See answer to question 1.

Q4. You state that seven persons may attend but only five may participate in the presentation. May the other two persons participate / respond during the 'pop quiz' period?

A4. No, the others may not participate in pop quiz.

Q5. What is the minimum amount of time that you anticipate will elapse between the submission of the written proposals and the required submission of oral presentation slides?

A5. See answer to question #1.

Q6. Would the Volpe Center provide the dollar value and number of task orders committed to the incumbent A-E contractors on their current contract?

A6. Please submit a Freedom of Information Act request to the Volpe Center FOIA officer. See our website <http://www.volpe.dot.gov> for FOIA request instructions.

Q7. The solicitation listed only the Federal Aviation Administration as a Volpe Center client within DOT. Will other DOT agencies, e.g., USCG and FHWA, be required by USDOT to use this contract for remediation or do they have access to other contract vehicles?

A7. Other DOT agencies are able to use the contract, but not required to do so.

Q8. _____ has reviewed the RFP for the subject solicitation and greatly appreciates the Volpe Center's streamlined approach to this procurement. Nevertheless, the cost volume requests are significantly detailed and extensive that we would like to request a two-week extension to the submittal date so that Offerors may prepare adequate responses. Will the Volpe Center consider granting an extension to the submittal date?

A8. Amend : See page 1, Block 9. The due date and time for receipt of proposals is now May 9th, 2001, 1500 hours, EST.

Q9. Section L.7 Instructions for Technical Proposal, Sub-section C, page 83 Instructions indicate that Offerors will be informed of the date by which the Government must receive paper copies of any slides to be used in the oral presentation. Please confirm that slides for the oral presentation are not due on May 2 with the written submittal describing Technical Capabilities.

A9. See answer to Question #1.

Q10. What is the estimated time frame between the Government's receipt of proposals and the time Offerors will be notified of their scheduled oral presentation (i.e., a week versus a month)?

A10. As soon as possible after May 11, 2001.

Q11. Will all Offerors be expected to make an oral presentation?

A11. Yes.

Q12. Part 1 - Technical Capabilities (Volume II), Page 84 Instructions state that "capabilities will be evaluated using three subcriteria: staffing and past performance." We assume this should read "two subcriteria: ..." Please confirm this correction, or identify the third subcriterion.

A12. Amend: Page 84, Part I- Technical Capabilities (Volume II) Delete 2nd sentence and Replace with the following: The technical capabilities will be evaluated using two subcriteria: Staffing and Past Performance.

Q13. Part 2 - Oral Presentation (Volume III), Page 89

Instructions state that the “Offeror is responsible for providing the equipment necessary for their presentation.” Will Offerors be allowed to utilize computer-generated presentations supported by equipment such as In-Focus projectors, as long as we bring our own equipment?

A13. Yes.

Q14. Section M - Evaluation Factors for Award, Subsection A. Basis for Award, Page 98 Instructions state that “Award will be made to the one responsive and responsible Offeror” and later that negotiations may be conducted “with firms in (the competitive) range.” Please confirm that it is the Volpe Center’s intent to award only one contract under this solicitation.

A14. Only one contract will be awarded from this solicitation.

Q15. Can the Program Manager be an employee of the prime contractor or a subcontractor?

A15. The Program Manager must be an employee of the prime contractor.

Q16. Attachment J.1 –Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO) Is it appropriate to assume that the requirements for LBP and Asbestos apply to all SSHOs involved in Task Orders?

A16. No, the requirements for LBP and Asbestos only apply for task orders that involve LBP and Asbestos.

Q17. L/6.E. Section III, Business Proposal, Subcontract Consent, pg 81 The sentence of the paragraph four states,” each prime contractor...”

A17. Amend: Page 81, L.6, Section III, Business Proposal, Subcontract Consent: Paragraph four. Delete entire paragraph.

Q18. L.7.B.1.b-Past Performance, Pg 83.Are past performance reports required for all listed projects or for the five most relevant projects?

A18. See Pg. 86, paragraph c. for detailed instructions.

Q19. Is Volume III, the Technical Understanding/Oral Presentation slides, due on May 2 with Volumes I and II or at a later date to be determined by the Volpe Center?

A19. See answer to Question #1.

Q20. Page 68 of the RFP stipulates a travel amount of \$168,000 and page 70 stipulates a travel amount of \$108,000, which number should be used?

A20. Amend: Page 70, Profit/Fee Objectives (2). Replace first sentence with the following:

The Other Direct Costs for travel in the amount of \$168,000.

Q21. Are teaming agreements with subcontractors required in order to have subcontractor qualifications evaluated as part of the prime contractor's submittal and are the teaming agreements to be submitted with the proposal.

A21. Yes, see See Page 81, E. Section III – Business Proposal, for detailed Subcontract consent instructions.

Q22. In Section M, paragraph M.2.B does not mention the relative importance of resources in the evaluation. Please provide any comment on the relative importance of "resources" compared to the other criteria.

A.22 Amend: See Page 92. paragraph M.2.B Technical Understanding. Delete paragraph, Replace with the following:

The purpose of this section is to provide the Government with additional information to assess and compare the Offeror's technical understanding of the requirements outlined in the statement of work. The Offeror's technical understanding will be evaluated using three subcriteria: (1) technical and management approach; (2) quality control and health and safety approach and (3) resources. These subcriteria are listed in order of importance.

Q23.. What is the percentage of sites that contractors should anticipate as having radioactive contaminants?

A23. Not known at this time.

Q24. Are the subcontracting percentages on page 82 of the solicitation to be based on percent of subcontracted dollars or the percentage of the total contract value?

A24. Subcontracting percentages are based on percentage of total contract value.

Q25. Also, if, for example, 20% of all subcontracted dollars should go to small businesses, then, is the planned award to small disadvantaged businesses 10% of total contract value, total subcontracted dollars or total dollars awarded to small businesses?

A25. 10% of total contract value.

Q26. How soon will the oral presentation start and how much notice will be given ahead of time?

A26. See A10.

Q27. What percentage of work is expected to occur outside the United States? What are the typical locations of work outside the United States?

A27 Not known at this time.

Q28. What types of project sites from an historical use perspective can be expected to occur under this contract?

A28. Not known at this time.

Q29. To what degree are the projects anticipated for execution under this contract, already designed? Not known at this time.

Q30.What portion of the anticipated work will require the contractor to take the design studies and create the remedial design and contract documents?

A30. Not known at this time.

Q31.Is it Volpe's intent to award only one contract or more than one contract?

A31. One contract will be awarded.

Q32.Do you envision the "firm-fixed price" tasks to be awarded so that the total value of the task is firm-fixed price or do you envision that the firm-fixed price task will be of the 'firm-fixed unit price' type where there will be various fixed unit costs for particular services or activities. In the latter case, the unit prices will only be paid if a particular activity is actually requested to be performed by the government.

A32. The Government will decide which is the most appropriate task order type for a specific requirement.

Q33. Regarding the due date of the solicitation, we request that the due date be extended by two (2) weeks. This time extension is necessary in order to receive and review the answers to the questions asked about the solicitation and then have enough time to prepare and submit a quality proposal.

A33. See response to Question #1.

Q34.Section C.8: Will the client sign the RCRA Manifests as generator?

A34. Yes.

Q35.Section H.8: Is the Facility "Secret" Security Clearance a requirement to submit the bid or can it be obtained upon award?

A35. See H. 8 for detailed requirements.

Q36. Section H.18(e): May the contractor meet the transportation insurance requirement (MCS-90) through its transporter subcontractors rather than holding the insurance in cases where the prime is not directly hauling wastes?

A36. It remains the responsibility of the prime to ensure that there is appropriate coverage and to obtain the documentation.

K.5 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (MAR 1996)

- (a)(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-
- (i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals-
 - (A) Are ___ are not ___ presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
 - (B) Have ___ have not ___, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
 - (C) Are ___ are not ___ presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.
 - (ii) The Offeror has ___ has not ___, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.
- (2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity) e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
- This certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.
- (b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.